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CVS to end tobacco sales

■ Pampans responding on Facebook mostly favor company's bold move.

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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In a bold move that instantly grabbed national headlines, CVS announced Wednesday it will stop selling cigarettes and other tobacco products at its more than 7,600 U.S. pharmacies beginning in October.

CVS president and CEO, Larry J. Merlo, told national media outlets that selling tobacco products is inconsistent with the company's purpose of helping people on a path to better health.

A manager at the Pampa location didn't know for certain Wednesday if the local store would stop selling tobacco, but none of the stories in the national press reports men-

tioned that any stores would be excluded from the company-wide ban.

The company expects it will lose between \$1.5 million to \$2 million a year in revenue by taking cigarettes and other tobacco products off the shelves and has already informed its investors of the possible revenue shortfall.

CVS is still considering whether to sell e-cigarettes, which are growing in popularity, and it plans to continue selling alcohol products and snack foods — items that “when taken in moderation or used occasionally do not have the effect of the occasional use of tobacco products,” Merlo said in a report published by Politco, an online magazine that covers national politics.

The company's chief medical officer, Dr. Troyen Brennan, said the time has come for institutions that also are pharmacies to eliminate sales of tobacco products.

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Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

CVS Pharmacy made the bold move to nix tobacco sales, despite the fact they will lose between \$1.5 and \$2 million in revenue annually.

SUN DOGS GREET MORNING COMMUTERS



Photo by John Lee

It looked as if there were three suns instead of just one rising on Wednesday. This photo of the sun in between two sun dogs was taken at about 8 a.m. east of Panhandle by sports editor John Lee while driving to work. A sun dog, also called a mock sun or a phantom sun, is an atmospheric phenomenon that creates bright spots of light in the sky, often on a luminous ring or halo on either side of the sun. The scientific name is parhelion. Sun dogs are commonly made by the refraction of light from ice crystals in high and cold cirrus clouds, as was the case on Wednesday, during very cold weather. These ice crystals are called diamond dust, and drift in the air at low levels. These crystals act as prisms, bending the light rays passing through them.

Truck nabbed from Walmart parking lot

STAFF REPORT

Larry Baker Plumbing reported to authorities Tuesday that one of its work trucks was stolen from the Walmart parking lot in Pampa.

Officer Jason Collier, Pampa Police Department spokesman, said Wednesday the vehicle has not been recovered.

The stolen vehicle is described as a white

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Facebook photo

A truck similar to this 2011 GMC 2500 with the license plate No. BD25262 was stolen from the Walmart parking lot Tuesday.

Pampa United Way awards luncheon rescheduled for Feb. 18

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa United Way took a snow day on Tuesday, postponing its annual Meeting Celebration and Awards Luncheon for two weeks.

The event now will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 1p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18 at the First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster Ave.

This is the same time and place as was originally planned for Feb. 4.

The luncheon will be held downstairs at the church and the event is free and open to the public.

United Way Executive Administrator Jana Gregory said awards will be given to donors and special volunteers.

“We will present Bronze, Silver and Gold awards according to the amount donated,” she said. “We will also give leadership awards.”

Also at the luncheon, the new United Way president of the board of directors will be announced.

The meal will be catered by Desperado's, compliments of PRMC.

Crime Stoppers' Fugitive of the Week

STAFF REPORT

The Gray County Crime Stoppers' Fugitive of the Week is Brandi Bernise Davisson, 25, who is wanted for theft greater than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000, possession of a controlled substance, Penalty Group 1, and possession of a prohibited substance in a correctional facility.

Davisson, a white female, is 5-foot, 4-inches tall, weighs 165 pounds

and has hazel eyes.

If you have any information about Davisson or any other fugitive, you are urged to call Crime Stoppers or submit a Web Tip.

They don't want your name, only your information.

Never try to detain the fugitive yourself. In determining whether someone is a fugitive, a suspect must have a felo-



Brandi Davisson

ny charge coupled with an arrest warrant that was not cleared within a week of being issued.

If your information leads to an arrest, Crime Stoppers will pay a cash reward of up to \$200 and you

will remain anonymous.

The wanted status of the posted fugitive or fugitives is updated as often

as possible. Persons listed above may be arrested and no longer wanted.

Upon confirmation of a person's arrest, Pampa Gray County Crime Stoppers will change or remove the post to reflect their status.

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Tonight: Cloudy with a low of 8. Chance of snow: 20 percent. Winds south-southeast at 15 mph. Sunset at 6:17 p.m.

Friday: Snow showers with a high of 32. Chance of snow: 50 percent. Winds south at 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:39 a.m.

Friday night: Mostly clear with a low of 18. Winds south-southwest at 11 mph. Sunset at 6:18 p.m.

Saturday: Sunny with a high of 51. Winds northwest at 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:38 a.m.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 11. Winds north at 11 mph. Sunset at 6:19 p.m.

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Obituaries

Deborah Gail Brame

Deborah Gail Brame, 50, passed away on Feb. 3, 2014 in Skellytown after a courageous battle with colon cancer. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014, at First Baptist Church in Pampa, with Rev. Hiram Reyes, Rev. Rob Lackey, Rev. Carter Pirtle, and Rev. Dale Berry, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Deborah Gail Brame

Debbie was born Dec. 3, 1963 in Pampa. She attended first through the eleventh grade in Texline, and graduated from White Deer High School in 1982. She married the love of her life, Bruce Brame, on June 26, 1982 at First Baptist Church in Skellytown where she had been a resident ever since.

Debbie worked for White Deer ISD for 28 years. She was the Skellytown Elementary School secretary for 20 years and the Administration Assistant to the Business Manager for eight, retiring in 2010. Debbie loved her church family at First Baptist Church in Skellytown where she had been very involved and a member since 1982. She especially enjoyed working with the youth. She served as the church youth leader, worked with Acteens, Girls in Action and Vacation Bible School through the years, and led Girls in Fellowship Together women's ministry. Debbie was blessed with a beautiful voice and enjoyed sharing her gift with others. In 1999 she co-founded the Sugar Plum Program to provide Christmas gifts for kids in Skellytown.

Debbie had been involved with the American Cancer

Society and the Relay for Life of Carson County for the past fourteen years. In 2008, she was diagnosed with colon cancer. In 2011, she was named a "Hero of Hope" and had traveled all over the state, sharing her journey and inspiring others to join in the fight against cancer. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Bailey Brame.

Survivors include her husband, Bruce Brame of the home; a daughter, Kori Throckmorton and husband Josh of Pampa; a son, Jacob Brame and wife Brandi of Canyon; her parents, Dexter and Betty Cochran of White Deer; her mother-in-law, Marlene Brame of Skellytown; a brother, Rick Cochran of White Deer; two sisters, Melinda Cochran of Borger and Terrie Cochran of Skellytown; and her sister-in-law, Pam Berry and husband Dale of Nocona. She was the proud and loving "Lolli" to Sawyer and Rowan Throckmorton and Hunter Brame, and was excitedly expecting another grandchild due this June. Other survivors are six nieces, one nephew, seven great nieces, one great nephew, and countless cousins, family members and friends.

Debbie will be remembered for her faith in Jesus Christ, her devotion to her family, her genuine love of others, her kindness and generosity, her sense of humor, her beautiful voice, her love for the color purple, her craftiness, and for her personal motto, "the anchor holds," from Hebrews 6:19.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 2014, at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home in Pampa.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Skellytown Panfork Scholarship Fund, or the American Cancer Society Carson County Relay for Life.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

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For the record

Pampa man arrested for evading arrest

STAFF REPORT

Danny Tilman Boyd, 55, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's office for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, silent abusive

calls to 911.

Leopoldo Figueroa, 30, Amarillo, was arrested Monday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while license is invalid.

Cassandra Ramirez, 29, Pampa, was arrested Monday by GCSO for insufficient bond — possession of a controlled substance.

Kymberlee Sue Smith, 43, Lefors, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for

bond surrender — burglary of a habitation, bond surrender — theft of property between \$50 and \$500.

Eric Lee Rodriguez, 25, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for a blue warrant.

Kenneth Osborne, 22, Borger, was arrested Tuesday by DPS for driving while license is invalid with a previous conviction, failure to stop.

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Tales from the Final Frontier

■ The Walking Dead returns on Sunday.

Sunday, Feb. 9, zombie fans get a pleasant treat, “The Walking Dead” returns.

When season four left fans of the show in a state of shock, disbelief and angst with its cliff-hanger mid-season finale, the debates started and fans could not wait until February.

Now we are four days away from the second-half premiere and we need to get a recap of what has happened.



JOHN LEE

First off, everyone is separated because the Governor and his crew destroyed the prison. Rick, after fighting the Governor, is tattered, beaten and (for lack of a better word) messed up. He and his son, Carl, are on their own looking for refuge and I can only assume, someplace for Rick to get cleaned up.

Just before Rick and Carl left, they went to retrieve little sister,

baby Judith Grimes, where they found an empty car seat. (Personally I think Beth or Tyreese has Judith.)

Without a doubt the most stunning and heartbreaking moment of the episode is when the wise-old Hershel was brutally murdered in front of everybody, including his daughters, Beth and Maggie.

The Governor is also believed to be dead now, hopefully (to many Walking Dead fans) finished off by Lily, the lady he had developed a relationship with. Her daughter also tragically died at the end of the show.

Many fans of the show speculate that some of the crew, if not all, will reunite with Carol, who Rick exiled during last season. These same fans also believe Carol will have her own crew, and be leading them. Wouldn't this be awkward if Rick encounters them?

I am looking to see the relationship between Rick and Carl continue to grow. We saw their relationship progress last season, despite a couple of instances where Carl would go behind Rick's back and disobey him.

We can also plan to see more of Glenn and Maggie, as we have seen

Maggie grow as a consistent action character.

On foot I think we have Rick, Carl, Daryl and Michonne. I bet Maggie, Glenn, Tyreese, Beth and the little girls (who Carol trained in gun control) and the rest of the prison is on a bus.

What do you think is going to happen. E-mail me what you think will happen, watch the show and e-mail me your reaction. I would love to hear it and respond to e-mails I get.

“The Walking Dead” returns to AMC this Sunday, Feb. 9, at 8 p.m. local time.

Enjoy the show!

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File photo
This is the new season poster for “The Walking Dead,” which returns Feb. 9.

Universal pre-K?

Among the biggest policy mistakes of the past 50 years is our continuing failure to provide quality early childhood education to all of America's kids. For children, families and society as a whole, the benefits of “universal pre-K” are not only significant and well-documented, but offset the financial cost many times over. Although we've been aware of these basic facts since the early '60s, most politicians have preferred to squander billions of dollars on malfunctioning weaponry, catastrophic wars and petroleum subsidies.

If this outstanding example of stupidity is corrected any time soon, the nation will owe thanks to President Barack Obama and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, both of whom have argued forcefully on behalf of quality preschool for all. Yet while the president and the mayor deserve credit for their efforts, perhaps even greater gratitude will be due to public officials in Georgia and Oklahoma — where conservative Republicans have proved the value of universal preschool programs beyond any doubt for children and families of every income level and ethnic background.

Even if there were no economic upside to starting the education of every child at 3 or 4 years of age, the obvious social benefits would be vital for any country that aspires to cultivating a vibrant democratic republic. Citizens who can read and do math (and perhaps take an interest in science!) are more likely to succeed at self-government. They are also far more likely to succeed in life.

Enhancing personal opportunity is how universal preschool generates universal public savings — estimated by a large cohort of studies to lie somewhere between \$7 and \$17 for every single dollar spent. Human brains mostly develop well before age 5, so children who attend quality preschool enter kindergarten with social skills, confidence and knowledge that boosts achievement for many years.

The fewer children who arrive unprepared to learn, as so many now do, the fewer who end up using extremely expensive special education programs, repeating grades, requiring remedial studies or dropping out before graduation from high school. Naturally, better school achievement means higher

employment and earning potential, lower rates of arrest and incarceration, better health habits, less demand for welfare support and even lower out-of-wedlock birth rates.

Well, aren't those the outcomes that conservatives want? So they constantly tell us. And so they ought to study Oklahoma and Georgia, two of the most conservative states in the union, where studies have indicated that universal pre-K is one of the best investments we can make.

In Oklahoma, where every child has been entitled to free preschool since 1998, a well-known study by Georgetown University educators found substantially improved cognitive skills and test scores among Tulsa students who had attended public pre-K. The program made the difference between falling below national norms and moving up to achieve them. In Georgia, first to implement universal state-funded preschool almost 20 years ago, painstaking research has likewise showed gains in math and reading that lasted through eighth grade, especially among underprivileged rural and urban children.

Neither of those deep-red states would give up its preschools now. But right-wing Republicans in Washington who reflexively scorn the Obama and de Blasio initiatives can look even closer to home — ideologically and geographically — for advice on this question.

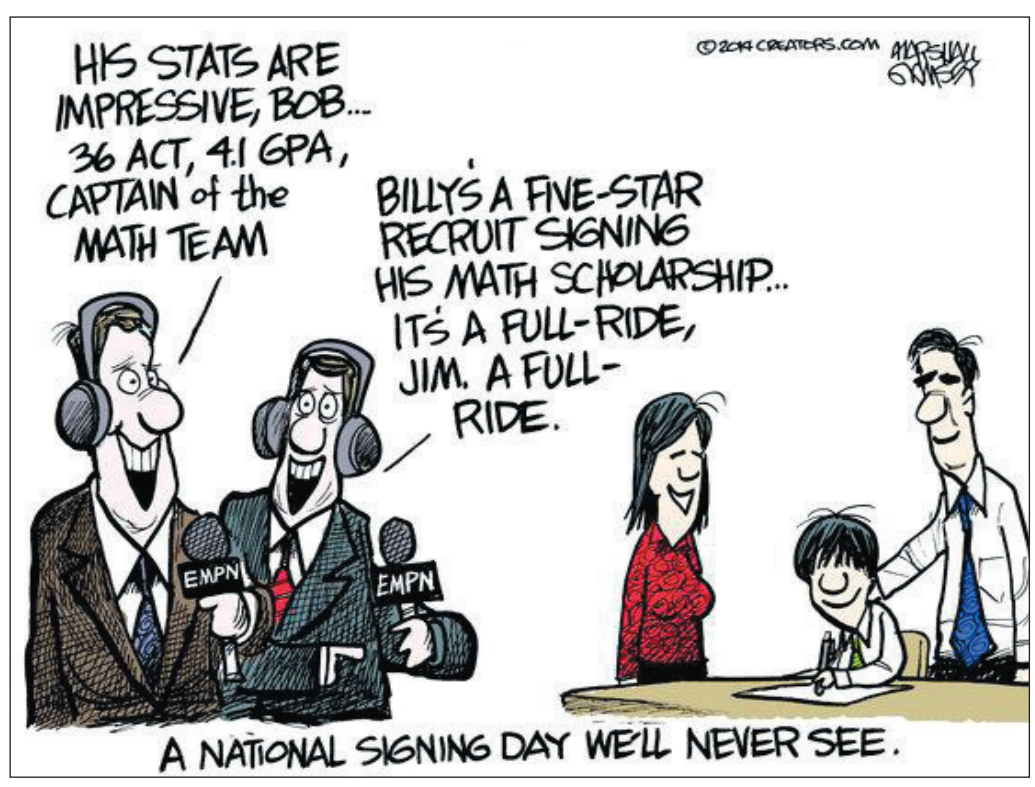
They should ask Grover Norquist, the renowned anti-tax activist, why he sends his own toddlers to the District of Columbia's free pre-K program, operated by the public school system, which accepts children starting at age 3. As much as Norquist despises government, he and his wife seem to believe that preschool is valuable to their kids — and as a taxpaying city resident, he is certainly entitled to its benefits. He says, “it's not free but paid for through property and income taxes,” and notes that his children “like their teachers and the school.”

In a country where liberal Democrats have inaugurated so many of the past century's advances, it is pleasantly ironic to see hardcore Republicans — in two states, anyway — pushing forward on early childhood development. Perhaps we can hope that their fellow conservatives someday will have the wit and wisdom to endorse universal preschool as a fiscally sound contribution to social progress. Even if it is Obama's idea.



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Letter to the Editor New animal shelter amazing place

I hope all of you got to see the new Pampa Animal Shelter by attending the open house. It was a wonderful event with nearly 300 people. Altrusa did an amazing job hosting the reception. They even had cookies in the shape of dog treats. The winners of the drawings were Gary Campbell and Suni Lucky. Thanks to all who supported PAWS through the raffle, which raised \$2,378.

The new shelter is an amazing place. Every time I walk in on one of these bitter cold days, I am so thankful for the heat and the light! However, that is not to say there are not some glitches. It is a big space overall and the staff is having trouble keeping it clean. Because the flooring

is rough(which is a good thing) it takes more effort to get it clean. The drains have covers (versus the old shelter) and so stuff collects on them. You have to make sure to clean them off.

The front foyer is wonderful, but needs a lot more cleaning. We have windows that need cleaned. The bathrooms in the lobby get a lot more use since they are visible and there are more people around (coming inside to see dogs and to use the dog park). Another good thing, is the way the dogs are fed and watered, but it takes more time. Before the bowls were in the cages and you just added food. Now they are removed and sterilized before being returned to each animal. When an animal is moved it needs the

food/water bowls changed. It is another step that needs to be done, but adds time and work.

Then there is hindsight. The puppy room does not work at all. It is way too small. It holds only two runs that do not work out at all for little puppies. It has no sink or counter to work with the animals, and keep things clean. I do not know what the answer is there. We have already gotten a litter of 6 puppies, and a litter of nine puppies. They were all put down after a couple broke with parvo. There was absolutely no way to put either litter in the puppy room because the runs will only hold two or three little puppies, at the most.

If you have puppies or young dogs, please make

sure they are kept up to date on their shots. Not only have we had shelter dogs come down with parvo (very expensive to treat) but many dogs in the community are coming down with parvo. So check on the shot records.

Cold weather alert: It is going to be bitter this week. If you know of anyone who has outside dogs, see if you can help them provide a better shelter. Straw is a great insulator for old dog houses. We can get some from Gebo's if you know of anyone who needs the assistance and will use it for their outside dogs.

**Faustina Curry
President
Pampa Animal Welfare Society**

Smartphone app makes diagnosis in ‘Cell’

WAKA TSUNODA
Associated Press

Robin Cook has been entertaining medical thriller fans for decades, but he does much more with his latest novel, “Cell.”

The story begins when a company gives prospective investors some exciting news: It has a smart-

phone app called iDoc that could replace primary-care physicians.

With iDoc, if a patient has a sore throat, all he has to do is put his saliva on his phone's touch screen. The app will analyze it, make a diagnosis and even send a prescription to the pharmacy.

The app is in the final

stage of testing, and participants in the program love it. The government is even considering iDoc for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries.

Then several of iDoc's patients die.

George Wilson, a radiology resident at a Los Angeles medical center, wants to find out what's wrong.

His fiancée is among the dead.

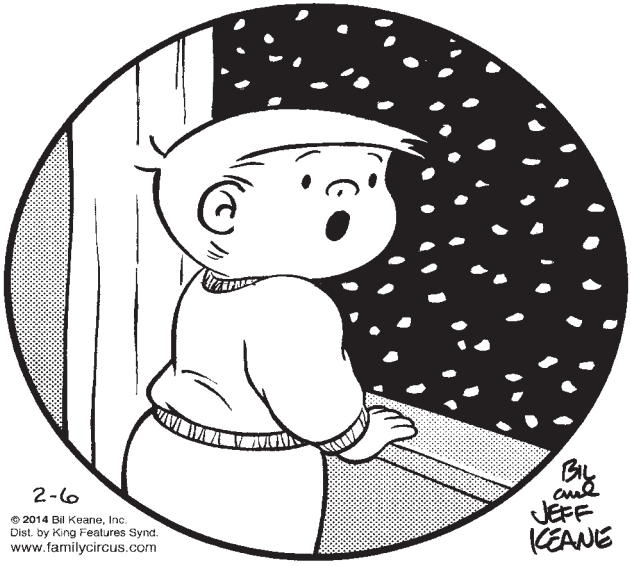
The young doctor is no hero. He's confused, naive and worried that he may be entering the medical profession when it has passed its zenith. His vulnerability makes the drama of “Cell” all the more compelling.

Cook has written a thought-provoking story.

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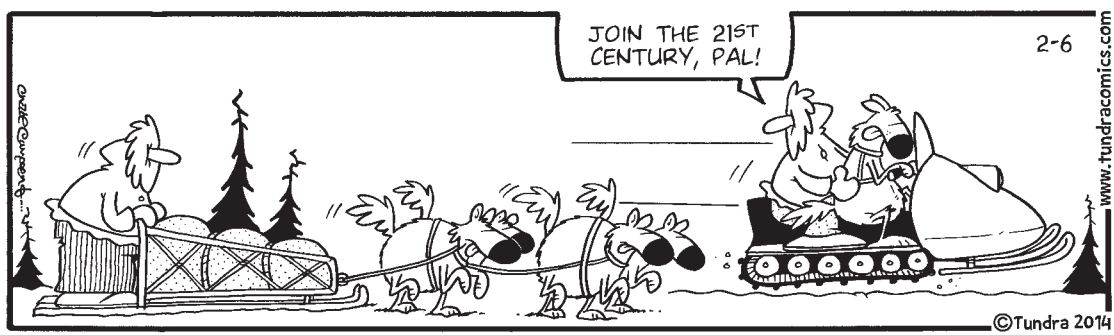
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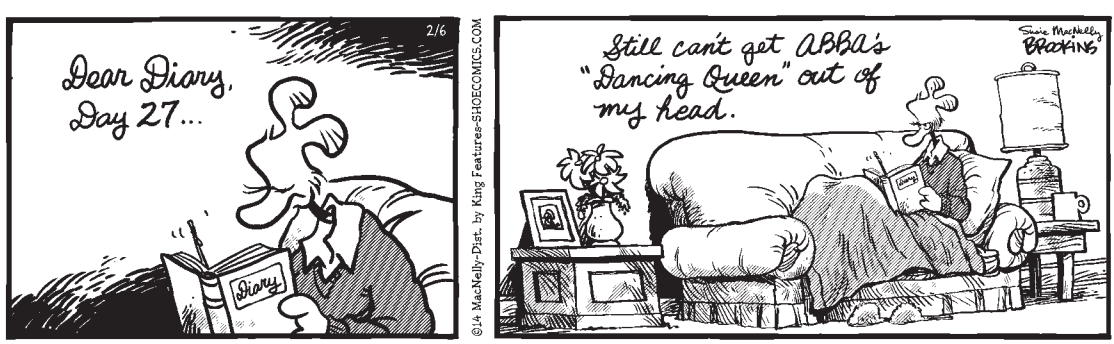


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"Daddy, how much snow does it take to close a school? I need to know whether to do my homework."

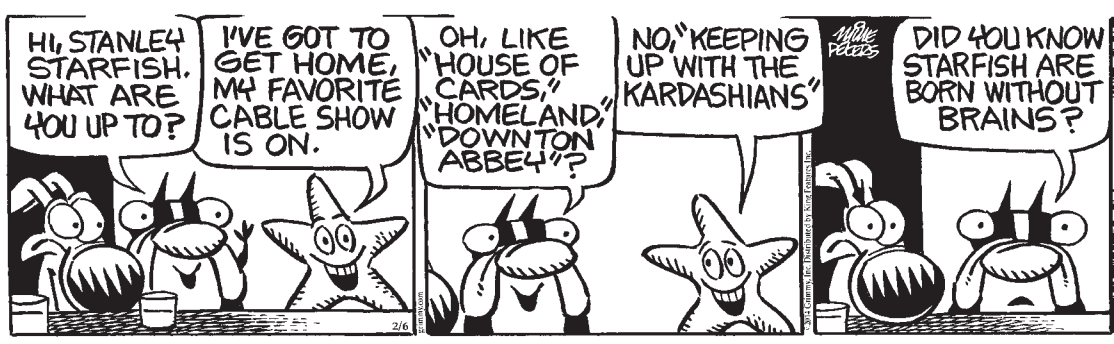
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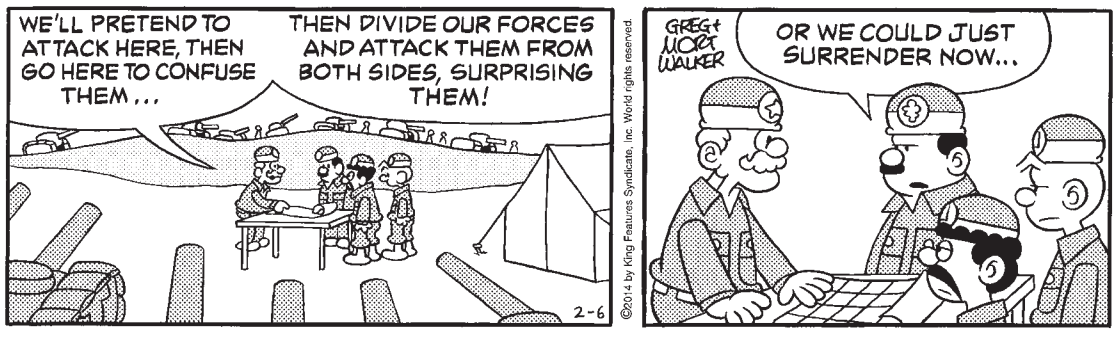
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 7, 2014:
This year you open up to new ideas, and you are able to let go of your previously held restrictions. You could feel uncomfortable at work or with someone in charge. You might not know exactly why, and it might not be important. If you are single, just wait until summer, as this will be when your social life picks up. Date away until you are sure you've found Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, the two of you will bond as if you are newfound lovers. A new addition to the family also is possible. GEMINI always is a delight, and he or she often makes you laugh.
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might want to take some of the heat off a close associate or loved one. You might try having a discussion with someone else involved, but that is unlikely to succeed. In fact, your efforts likely will fall short. Recognize your limits. Tonight: Get together with friends.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You often tend to exaggerate a situation without realizing it. Certain facts really do stand out to you more than others. A partner or close loved one might feel uneasy about a conversation. Tonight: Meet up with friends to celebrate. TGIF!
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could breeze through a lot of work and feel much freer for a while. Double-check everything you do right now, because there could be an error. Someone you count on could be off-kilter. You see a situation differently from how he or she does. Tonight: In weekend mode.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Do more listening and less reacting. You might not be happy with what you are hearing, but you will see a situation differently in the long run. Make a list of the pros and cons rather than react. Detach as much as humanly possible. Tonight: Head home. Do a vanishing act.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Listen to news more openly than you have in the past. You might conclude that a partner is less than helpful. Find out what is on this person's mind,

and clear out any obstacles between the two of you. You could discover that one of you has incorrect information. Tonight: Just be yourself.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ How you deal with others and their complications could be exhausting. Some have expectations that you might not be able to fulfill. It will be important to have a discussion about what you can do, as opposed to what they would like you to do. Tonight: Accept an offer.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your ability to see the big picture might be more significant than you realize. You are able to visualize an idea and see how to make it possible. Use your unique creativity. You must not allow someone or a situation to trigger you. Tonight: Meet a friend at a new spot.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Listen to what someone shares. You might think that you are in a position to clear up a problem. However, even if you succeed, you will have to redo this same process later. Be aware that someone might have a mental block. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You have reason to feel popular, as others seek you out. Your ability to understand what is happening is a resource that people want to tap into. A family commitment could be more difficult to handle than you are aware. Tonight: The spotlight is on you.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to approach an associate in a different way. Listen to what he or she has to say. Observe what is happening between you and a close friend, sibling or neighbor. You might not be seeing this person clearly. Tonight: Finish up what you must.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could be very forthright in your dealings over financial concerns and/or a creative project. You won't be able to complete your agreement at this time, because it would backfire. Stay light and easy when dealing with a loved one or child. Tonight: Be a kid yourself.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be wondering what is happening with a family member who seems a bit out of sorts. This person might feel weighed down by responsibilities. If you pitch in, you could be surprised by how fast his or her mood will change. Tonight: Make it early.

Pampa Fire Department call log — Feb. 3-5

The Pampa Fire Department responded to these calls for the following dates. One unit with three personnel responded to each call, unless otherwise indicated.

Feb. 3
 • At 2:09 p.m., to a medical call in the 2100 block of Mary Ellen.
 • At 7:45 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a carbon monoxide investigation in the 700 block of North Gray.
 • At 8:38 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a

medical call in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.
 • At 8:43 p.m., to a medical call in the 1100 block of Prairie.
Feb. 4
 • At 7:02 a.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call in the 1000 block of North Sumner.
 • At 9:27 a.m., to a lift assist in the 2400 block of North Christine.
 • At 10:58 a.m., to a motor vehicle accident in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway. No injuries reported.

• At 2 p.m., to a lift assist in the 1700 block of Grape.
 • At 11:56 p.m., to a medical call in the 2300 block of Navajo.
Feb. 5
 • At 1:37 a.m., to a medical call in the 900 block of Mary Ellen.
 • At 2:30 a.m., two units and seven personnel to an electrical fire in the 500 block of Henry. The homeowner had the fire out by the time the PFD got there, it was an electrical outlet. No major damage.

CVS

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"This action may not lead many people to stop smoking; smokers will probably simply go elsewhere to buy cigarettes. But if other retailers follow this lead, tobacco products will become much more difficult to obtain," he said in the Politico article.

One Pampa pharmacist, Ronna Raber at Keyes Pharmacy, said she supported the company's decision.

"It is in the best interest of the health of their customers," she said.

Keyes, a small, locally owned store, does not sell tobacco products. Raber is employed there as staff pharmacist.

Pampa News Facebook readers quickly responded when a question was posted on whether they thought CVS' bold move was a good move.

Their responses follow:
Marisa Pollock: "It is a bad business move. Not selling tobacco will not make their customers not smoke/chew. It will simply make them go purchase it elsewhere. I understand that CVS is trying to make a 'commitment to the health of its customers,' but a national company losing \$2 billion+ a year just seems silly."
Monica Barrett: "I think that is a great beginning and hope other stores follow even if there is a financial loss. Some one has to be the bigger better person and lead by example. Thumbs up!"
Sondra Cochran: "Good for them. And good to see the right thing isn't always based on the bottom dollar."
Cristy King Bromwell: "I don't think it's about making people quit, cause that wouldn't work. It is about setting a higher standard for their business."
Davene-Ben Vernon: "I quit smoking on May 5, 2011 after 25 plus years of the awful habit. I applaud CVS pharmacies for their decision."
Shawn Moore: "Great move. Smoking is offensive to the air I breathe."
Shanna Rodibaugh: "I believe they've made the right choice as a pharmacy. Having tobacco products is like a weight-loss clinic with vending machines in the lobby. It defeats the purpose."
Laura Cortez Lopez: "\$2 million is nothing to a chain store like CVS. Their decision is bold and hopefully others will follow suit. Those who are addicted to smoking don't realize or flat out don't care what kind of health hazard they impose on others when they smoke in public. Not to mention the nasty smell. I know they have a right to smoke, but I too have the right not to and not be forced to inhale what they puff out. It's especially irritating when people smoke at kids functions — the poor kids shouldn't have to inhale all of that junk."
Sondra Cochran agreed with Lopez: "Exactly Laura Lopez. Think of the kids with allergies and asthma, on top of the second hand smoke."

Kristy Howell Sturgill: "Way to go CVS! I think it's a great idea. Not every store needs to sell tobacco products."
Luisa Acosta: "Hopefully other stores follow."
Tess Ann Connell Harden: "I think it's a great move, I mean if they are for health and all that. I will always shop there."
Eva Moreno: "It seems hypocritical to be selling cigarettes in a pharmacy devoted to health. CVS' decision to not sell tobacco products is a good choice toward their image and sets an example for other pharmacies. I don't believe this is a strategy to make people stop using tobacco products. People will get their fix elsewhere. Now if they will stop selling alcohol..."
Tre Dildy: "It's a poor business move. Smokers aren't gonna stop they're going to go somewhere else. Have fun with that CVS. Other businesses aren't gonna follow either because they're gaining customers that used to go to CVS. That \$2 billion a year is just going to go to other stores."
Mark Applegate: "I'm not going to quit just because they are making a commitment, that is there decision. But me as a smoker is my business and no one else's and so I guess

I will take all my business somewhere else!"
Pat Gunnells: "I commend them."
Cristy King Bromwell: "Yay, CVS!"
Angelique Marie Kirkham: "If I don't buy my smokes from CVS, I'll look elsewhere. Simply, I'm not going to quit smoking just because a store refuses to sell. They'll lose business. The decision to quit smoking is mine and nobody else's."
Jeromy Reames: "I would like to challenge others to follow, i.e. Walmart."
Jean Harvey Terry: "Awesome. Thank you!"
Tamara Goodman: "CVS blows anyhow. Awful customer service and they are way overpriced."
Paul Greenlee: "Stupid. Quit selling alcohol which kills far more people than tobacco."
Johnny Goodson: "Bad business decision. Good health decision. Maybe they've had an awakening that contributing to the ill effects these products cause the users isn't worth the money they make. We'll see how long they stick to it. BIG tobacco isn't going down that easy."
Shane Hamilton: "But they sell wine and beer... hhhmmmm! LOL."

Maine girl's cellphone catches fire in her pocket

KENNEBUNK, Maine (AP) — The "stop, drop and roll" mantra came in handy for a Maine eighth-grader when her cellphone caught fire in her pocket at school.

Kennebunk middle school Principal Jeff Rodman tells The Portland Press Herald that the girl heard a popping sound Friday morning and smoke started billowing around her.

Boys were herded from the room so the 14-year-old girl

could shed her flaming pants. She also did the "stop, drop and roll" move to help put out the fire. She was treated at a hospital.

Her mother had given her the Apple iPhone 5C two months earlier.

Lull in 911 calls during Super Bowl

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — The number of 911 calls dropped 31 percent during the Super Bowl, compared to

a typical Sunday at the SNO-COM emergency dispatch center for southwest Snohomish County.

Executive Director Debbie Grady told The Daily Herald (<http://bit.ly/1ipxgtd>) the number of calls spiked up 75 percent immediately after the Seahawks won.

The SNOPAC dispatcher center reported a similar pattern and said most of the calls after the game were noise complaints about fireworks

Davis' daughters fire back at critics of their mother

By JAY ROOT
 The Texas Tribune

State Sen. Wendy Davis' daughters are weighing in on the controversy surrounding the details of her early biography, saying the Democratic candidate for governor had been subjected to malicious and ludicrous attacks.

In open letters released Tuesday, Amber and Dru

Davis said their mother indeed struggled as a single mother but still managed to participate fully in their lives.

Dru Davis, who was a toddler when Wendy Davis attended Harvard Law School, called the Fort Worth senator a remarkable mother and role model.

"I hate that I feel the need to write this, but I have been reading and

hearing so many untrue things about my mom and I want to set the record straight," said Dru Davis, now 25.

"And sadly I feel the need to be crystal clear on the malicious and false charge of abandonment as nothing could be further from the truth. My mom has always shared equally in the care and custody of my sister and me."

Truck

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2011 GMC truck with a ladder rack on the top and "Larry Baker" on the sides of the vehicle.

The case is still under

investigation and there is no suspect at this time.

Anyone with information should contact Gray County Crime Stoppers at 806-669-2222 or the PPD at 806-669-5700.

When warming up their vehicles in cold weather, Collier said to never leave them unattended.

"This leaves an opportunity for thieves to not only gain access to the interior of your vehicle, but also the ability to drive off with your vehicle," he said.

"Please take extra precautions during this time to protect your vehicles."

Correction

In the story titled, "UIL announces where Pampa will be for football, other sports," the sentence should have read: "The farthest the Harvesters had to travel for a varsity game last season was in their Week 0 match-up against Iowa Park in Holliday, Texas (Iowa Park was having a new stadium built), which is 15 miles southeast of Wichita Falls."

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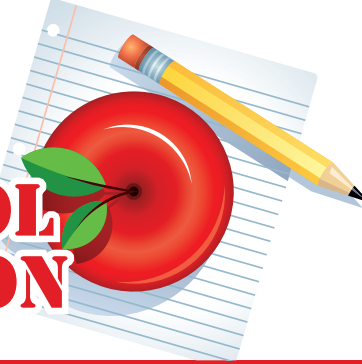
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Holiday Activities



Above: Thanksgiving Feast - Our Pre-K class showing off their best turkey smiles.
 Below: Thanksgiving Feast - Kindergarten class dressed as pilgrims.

Above and Below: Christmas Program - Elementary students and Pre-K.



Above: Christmas Caroling - older children caroling at FirstBank Southwest.

National School Choice Week

Community Christian School observed National School Choice Week last week. This is the nation's largest annual celebration of school choice, which seeks to shine a spotlight on effective education options for all children.



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PISD Spotlight on Excellence

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These Pampa High School students were recognized for excellence at the Jan. 23 school board meeting.

All-State Volleyball
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All-Region Choir

Emilee Frost, Logan Turley, Shattner Reeve and

Greg Smith.

FFA All-Around 'Sweepstakes Award' recipients

Blayne Troxell, president; Emily Terry, vice president; Marlee Youree, second vice president; Kyler Payne, third vice president; Cason Troxell, secretary; Bailee Budd, treasurer; Paden Watson,

reporter; Daniel Winton, sentinel; Kayli Bagley, historian; Aubrey Grubitz, junior advisor.

All-Region Band

Sean Anstey, Matthew Foreman, Michael Parnell and Josefin Velazquez.

All-Area Band

Josh Archibald, Logan Boehmisch, Paul Cuelar, MacKenzie Dull, Brak

Giles, Anastasia Lemke, Adrian Lopez, Christian Penaranda, Nick Penarand, Matthew Porter, Dakota Roberson, Miguel Salazar, Chris Smith, Ashlee Vernon, Calven Webb, Ashleigh Wood, Austin Young and Madison Young.

All-State Band

Jacob Sexton and Greg Smith.

Gray County marriage applications — Jan. 1-31

STAFF REPORT

- Robert Logan Brown and Telissa Arin-Marie Sealy. Applied Jan. 2.
- Jessie Alan Fick and Tessa Ella Rose Coffey. Applied Jan. 3.
- Tanner Couper Cham-

bers and Janet Ngozi Abigide. Applied Jan. 6.

- Taylor Poole Christ and Theophany Grace Truitt. Applied Jan. 6.
- Fernando Rivera Patino and Daisy Perez Sarinana. Applied Jan. 7.
- Rodney E. Elan and Donna Sue Bockmon. Ap-

plied Jan. 16.

- Glendon Ray Bates and Norma Rose Gray. Applied Jan. 17.
- Steven Mark Kimbley and Jennifer La She Harper. Applied Jan. 17.
- Jason Paul Phelps and Annetta Laura Shower. Applied Jan. 21.

- Clinton Ray Steward and Amber Lynn Raines. Applied Jan. 21.
- Justin Royce Mears and Jo Lynn Jones. Applied Jan. 22.
- Timothy Seth Lewis and Tiffany Renee Preson. Applied Jan. 28.

Obituaries

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George P. Henderson, Jr.

George P. Henderson, Jr., 90, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014 in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014 at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Rev. Byron Williamson, pastor of First Baptist Church, and Rev. Barry Owens, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Henderson was born June 22, 1923 in Wheeler County to Minnie Lee Tucker Henderson and George P. Henderson, Sr. He attended schools in Wheeler. He served in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II and was discharged as a sergeant. George

married Dorothy Ann Purcell on Nov. 27, 1947 in Shamrock at her parents' home. He worked for Cabot Oil & Gas for 38 years, retiring in 1986. He was a member of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF & AM for over 57 years. George was a member of Pampa Senior Citizens Center and was a Baptist. He loved to travel in RV's, fish and garden.

The family would like to thank Hospice Care of the Southwest for their excellent care for the last five days of his life. They would also like to thank Accolade Home Health Care for their wonderful care for the last fifteen years. In addition, the family would like to thank Dina Carbajal, Ashtin Sackett and Patricia Jones for their twenty-four hour care of George over the last several months.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Ann of the home; a daughter, Jan Stroud and husband Jim of Pampa; two granddaughters, Angie Martindale and Robin Keough and husband Jimmy, all of Pampa; four great-grandsons, Rhett Skinner, Casey Martindale, J.T. Skinner and Logan Martindale, all of Pampa. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Morris and Tommie Henderson; by a nephew, Bob Henderson; and by his parents.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621, or Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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Holmes carries No. 15 Texas past TCU 59-54

FORT WORTH (AP) — Jonathan Holmes figures No. 15 Texas needed a lesson in what life will be like as a Big 12 contender. The Longhorns got it against last-place TCU, and won anyway. Holmes had 20 points and a career-high 16 rebounds, and the Longhorns followed a big win over Kansas by erasing a halftime deficit and hanging on to beat the Horned Frogs 59-54 on Tuesday night, extending their winning streak to seven games. "We've got to understand that we put ourselves in position to win a Big 12 championship but we also need to understand that teams are going to be looking to beat us every night," Holmes said after beating the only team without a league win. "We've turned into a team's big win."

Holmes hit a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 2:41 remaining, and the Longhorns (18-4, 7-2 Big 12) held off the Horned Frogs with several key offensive rebounds in the final 2 minutes. Cameron Ridley had 12 points and nine rebounds, including one that led to his clinching free throws after a miss by Isaiah Taylor with 7 seconds left, as the Longhorns held on following their win at home against No. 8 Kansas over the weekend. Despite shooting a season-low 31 percent, Texas stayed a game behind the Big 12-leading Jayhawks, who won at Baylor. Amric Fields had 16 points and eight rebounds to lead TCU (9-12, 0-9), which lost for the third time in the past five games after leading at halftime.

Shaun White nixes Olympic slopestyle

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia (AP) — Shaun White jammed his wrist on one jump and watched the world's best snowboarders join him in tumbling down the super-sized, super-scary Olympic slopestyle course.

Quickly, his choice became clear: Time to step away from the danger, and give himself a better chance in the event he knows he can win. The world's most famous snowboarder pulled out of the new Olympic event Wednesday, saying that after much deliberation, he has decided to bypass a chance at winning two gold medals at these games and instead concentrate on the halfpipe, where he'll have a chance to win his third straight title next week. "With the practice runs I have taken, even after



Shaun White

course modifications and watching fellow athletes get hurt, the potential risk of injury is a bit too much for me to gamble my other Olympics goals on," White said in a statement. The world's most decorated rider in a sport known for its risk-takers, White's decision was a stunner that dealt yet another blow to the still-to-start Sochi Games. They have been wracked by security threats and political dust-ups, along with the loss of at least one other headliner, injured American skier Lindsey Vonn. White isn't leaving, but his departure from an event that was essentially introduced at the Olympics this year to take advantage of his star power certainly can't make the folks at the IOC or NBC too happy. "He's a notable person and he probably would have brought more viewers to slopestyle," said Nick Goepper, an American who competes in the skiing version of the event. IOC spokesman Mark Adams downplayed the

idea that the course is too dangerous. "I don't think that's an issue," he said. "A lot of the athletes have said they're very happy, they like the venue." Slopestyle qualifying starts Thursday, the day before the opening ceremony. Snowboarding's newest and most-hyped Olympic event is a judged sport — a speed-packed trip down the mountain, filled with rails, bumps and, most notably, steeply angled jumps that allow riders to flip two, sometimes three times, before landing. White hurt his wrist on one of the takeoff ramps, which were built "kind of obnoxiously tall," according to one top rider, Canadian Mark McMorris. White, who had already hurt his shoulder and ankle in the lead-up to the Olympics, deemed his latest injury — the jammed wrist — as nothing serious and said reports about it were overblown. But he said there remained serious issues with the slopestyle

course. "There are definitely concerns about the course," he said. "It's been interesting to see how it's developed and changed over the past couple days. The big question is if it will continue to change. Because every day, they have riders meetings and they give feedback. Sometimes there's changes, sometimes there's not." Reaction to White's decision came from several corners, not all of it positive. "Mr. White... It's easy to find excuses to pull out of a contest when you think you can't win," Canadian rider Sebastian Toutant tweeted. Maybe so, but White certainly wasn't alone in questioning the course. Australian Torah Bright, the defending women's halfpipe champion who is trying to compete in three events this year — halfpipe, slopestyle and a racer's version called snowboardcross — also described an overly treacherous few days of training. "We're here as the

world's best snowboarders," she told The Associated Press. "Too bad we don't have a world-class course. The craftsmanship doesn't match the world-class athletes that are here." Out of slopestyle, White will now focus solely on next Tuesday's contest in the halfpipe, which is essentially a hollowed-out ice shell with 22-foot (7-meter) sidewalls. There is danger there, but unlike slopestyle, it's based mostly on the types of head-over-heels tricks the riders try and not the setup of the pipe. In a news conference about an hour before he gave first word of his decision to the "Today" show, White was asked whether halfpipe was more important to him. "For me, I definitely feel the halfpipe carries a bit more weight, a bit more pressure. I guess that's fair enough to say," he said. He is favored to become the first male American to win three straight golds in the Winter Games.

Beckham exercises option to buy MLS team in Miami

MIAMI (AP) — David Beckham has exercised his option to purchase a Major League Soccer expansion team in Miami, and the deal will be finalized when the former English national team captain can secure a financing plan and location for a new stadium. The latest development in the pursuit of a Miami team was announced by MLS Commissioner Don Garber at a news conference Wednesday. Beckham and Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez also attended.



David Beckham

"Thank you for the warm welcome," Beckham told a crowd of more than 300 people, who attended the news conference at a downtown museum plaza on a sunny, 80-degree morning. "This is an exciting time, and something we're really looking forward to bringing to Miami." Beckham has scouted possible stadium sites and is seeking investors to assist with startup costs such as construction and player acquisitions. Among those who might become involved is Beckham's friend LeBron James, who has had recent conversations with the retired soccer star about bringing a team to Miami. "We don't want public funding," Beckham said to applause. "We will fund

the stadium ourselves. We have worked very hard to get to this stage where we can fund the stadium ourselves. We want to create a football club that is the people's football club." Beckham, looking the part of a businessman in a suit and tie, said the stadium will be down. Gimenez — who at one point referred to Beckham as "Beckman" — said there's political support for a stadium plan. The former Manchester United, Real Madrid and Los Angeles Galaxy star has the right to an expansion team at a discount fee of \$25 million. MLS's Miami Fusion played in Fort Lauderdale from 1998-01 before folding because of poor attendance.

The crowd at the news conference included chanting fans, and several dozen photographers who jostled for pictures.

"People here love this sport," Garber said. "We together have no doubt it will be a very successful MLS team."

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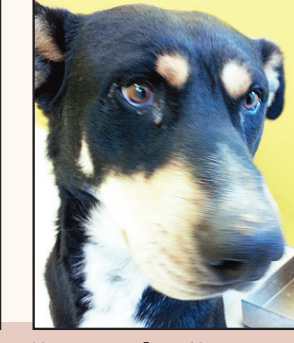
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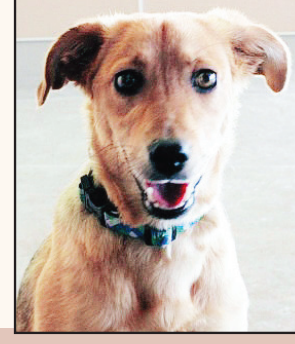
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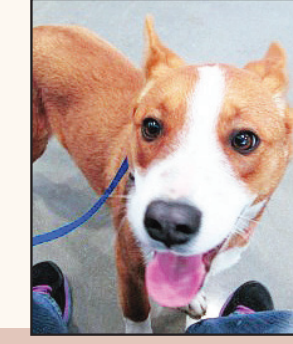
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'The Monuments Men' pulls an A-team cast

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When a leading Hollywood actor decides to make a movie, casting usually becomes as easy as dialing some of your closest A-list buddies.

At least that's the way it worked for George Clooney on the new World War II drama, "The Monuments Men," opening Friday.

"Well, they are friends so that part is easy," Clooney said in a recent joint interview with the cast. "But you know the truth is, they wouldn't do it if they didn't like the screenplay. ... I mean I flew to Australia for one day to hand Cate (Blanchett) the script."

The beginning of the film has an "Ocean's 11" feel to it when Clooney's character starts to assemble an A-team of old friends. But this time, they're the good guys.

"The Monuments Men" — also starring Blanchett, Matt Damon, John Goodman and Bill Murray, to name a few — is based on the true story of an Allied platoon whose mission was to rescue artworks from the Nazis. The film is adapted from Robert Edsel's book, "The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History."

Blanchett admitted she was unfamiliar with the works of the Monuments Men until she received the hand-delivered script from Clooney, who also directed and was co-writer.

"I knew that work had gone missing and that the Nazis had collected art and stolen art and destroyed art," said Blanchett.

Bill Murray was happy to finally work on a big

film again. "Yeah, I got teased for a while (by George Clooney). He told me the whole story and then he would say, 'Can you please pass the salad?' Then like nine months later through a friend, he said, 'Ask Bill if he wants to be in the job.'"

Murray wasn't the only one who was pranked by Clooney. His father, Nick Clooney, received the final and biggest prank of all.

"Well I screened the movie for him in Italy," said George Clooney. "My father plays me at the end of the film and walks off into this beautiful church with this beautiful light and it goes to black and normally that would be like the first credit that comes up and instead I put, 'In Loving Memory of Nick Clooney.' He said, 'What the hell are you doing?' I said, 'Well, you know, it's a long time before the movie comes out so you never know.' I didn't leave it in the film but he thought it was very funny and he is going to get me back."

The movie originally had a planned release date of Dec. 18 but was pushed to early 2014 and right out of Hollywood's prestigious awards season. This year was especially crowded with an abundance of viable Oscar contenders. So was there too much competition?

"We just didn't finish it," Clooney explained. "We had a lot of work to do. It's a bigger film. You know, we started shooting this movie in March of last year, so we were going to have to flip it around in nine months, which is really moving for a film that size, and we just didn't make it."

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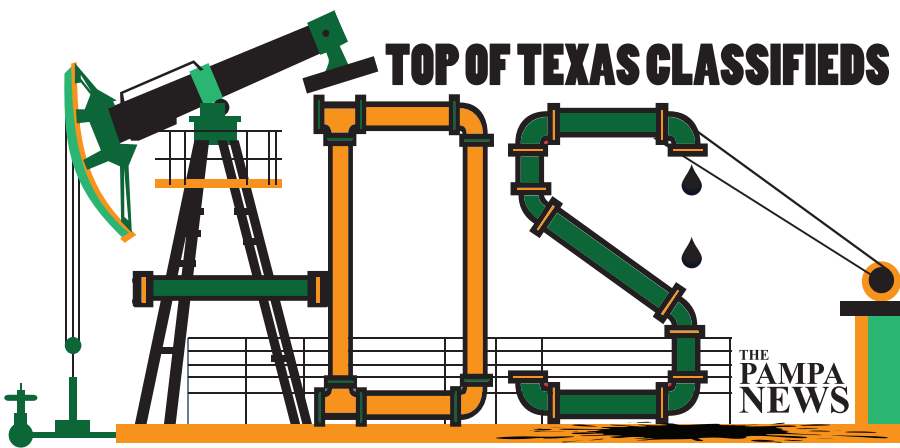
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I DON'T CAUSE RIOTS, BUT I DO CAUSE CONFUSION. PEOPLE FREEZE WHEN THEY SPOT ME. — TOM HANKS

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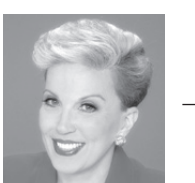
Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am writing about the letter from "Holding My Tongue" (Nov. 8), the woman who was upset because many children were playing with electronic devices during her grandchildren's school concerts and recitals. While I agree that most children should pay attention to the event at hand, as the mother of two children on the autism spectrum, I have a different perspective.

There are apps and games designed to keep these children occupied and help them deal with the stress and anxiety of being in a large group of people. I should not have to leave my sons at home because they are on the spectrum, so a harmless, quiet game that allows them to participate without being disruptive is a godsend to me.

Sometimes it is not obvious WHY someone is doing something; so as long as it isn't disrupting the event, please try to be tolerant. -- LAURA IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR LAURA: Your point is well-stated, and was one made by a number of parents of children with special needs. Readers had interesting comments on this topic, so I'm sharing a few:

DEAR ABBY: If there's a possibility young children could be unruly during a performance, I think they should be allowed to use a tablet or something to keep them occupied.

Sometimes it's hard to find a sitter or afford one. When children get dragged to programs they have no interest in, they lose patience and become fidgety. If given something to occupy their attention, as long as it has headphones, then I don't see a problem. I'd rather have that than kids shouting, screaming and crying because they're unhappy being there. -- UNDERSTANDING IN LOUISIANA

DEAR ABBY: In this digital age, we have lost

touch with basic common decency and respect for others. I not only notice this in children, but adults as well. I have seen people check their emails while they are in church, or couples sitting together at a restaurant, both fixated on their electronic devices and not speaking a word to each other.

It's sad to imagine what the next generation will be like if we don't start putting the devices down and interacting with each other again like human beings. I raised all three of my kids this way, so I know it's not impossible. -- MAINTAINING HUMAN CONTACT

DEAR ABBY: When my precious mother passed away last summer, my sister-in-law brought two handheld games to the funeral. My niece and nephew played and played while the pastor spoke about my mother.

It was the last straw for me in a series of incredibly rude actions over the years. My children were also appalled. When respect is no longer taught at home, we sink to the lowest level as a society. -- DEBRA ON THE EAST COAST

DEAR ABBY: I have stopped attending my friends' grandchildren's recitals because I, too, cannot tolerate rudeness. Many parents today just don't want to bother with their children. If there is a toy that can keep them busy, their parents "enable" them to grow up as idiots who can't appreciate the world and its beauty because their world is lived entirely on an electronic screen. -- GEORGE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR ABBY: What parents who allow this type of behavior don't seem to understand is that it transfers to the classroom. Their children assume it's OK to ignore the teacher, the lesson and instructions that in some cases could save a life. -- FRUSTRATED EDUCATOR IN MIAMI

DEAR ABBY: I used to conduct workshops for teachers on how to instruct with newspapers. When I started my lecture, I would begin by saying, "OK, teachers, turn off your iPads, iPhones and iPods, because I don't want to become iRate." They loved it, and it was a great kickoff for the lecture. -- ALFRED IN TEXAS

BANANAGRAMS!

For each of the three words below, change one letter to an E, and then rearrange the letters to spell a thing you can eat.

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MOTLEY
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TURBOT
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NEUTER
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Yesterday's Answer: TAMALE, SPOUSE, ANALOG 2.6

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 44 Studio stand
 - 1 Doughy ring
 - 6 Milk buy
 - 11 Yucca's kin
 - 12 City-based
 - 13 Like the Capitol
 - 14 Bumbling
 - 15 Blows one's top
 - 17 Techs' place
 - 19 Cobbler's cousin
 - 20 Acquire
 - 23 Take to the sky
 - 25 Store come-on
 - 26 Charades and the like
 - 28 Team
 - 29 Sidewalk stuff
 - 30 Golfer Ernie
 - 31 "You betcha!"
 - 32 Fork over
 - 33 Mail-related
 - 35 White's colleague
 - 38 Russian range
 - 41 Wise words
 - 42 "Walk Away —"
 - 43 Locker room need
- DOWN**
- 1 Misbehaving
 - 2 Before today
 - 3 Grouse and pheasants
 - 4 At any time
 - 5 Preceded
 - 6 Rather
 - 7 Fancy planters
 - 8 Homer's dad
 - 9 Grammys category
 - 10 Blasting stuff
 - 16 Runs through
 - 17 Oversight
 - 18 Profit figure
 - 20 Strategies
 - 21 Supreme Court justice
 - 22 Irritable
 - 24 Saloon supply
 - 25 Rick's pianist
 - 27 Hand signal
 - 31 Sticks
 - 33 News-paper part
 - 34 District
 - 35 Popped down
 - 36 Bustle
 - 37 Mouth part
 - 39 Sheltered side
 - 40 Poivre partner

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Yesterday's answer

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